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PROOFS OF THE EFFICACY OF
De Velno's Vegetable Pills,

as the most *safe* and *certain* Cure for

THE SCURVY,

SCORBUTIC ERUPTIONS, SCROPHULA or KING'S EVIL, LEPROSY,
and other Disorders, arising from
CONTAMINATED BLOOD, or OBSTRUCTED PERSPIRATION;

WITH

SOME PERTINENT REMARKS ON THEIR UTILITY AS

Spring Physic;

demonstrating the Propriety of taking ALTERATIVE MEDICINES during that Period, and the *Danger* of ANTIMONIALS or MERCURIALS; giving, at the same Time, satisfactory Reasons for relying with Confidence on the *Safety* and *Efficacy* of DE VELNO'S PILLS, as an ALTERATIVE, PURIFIER, and

Sweetener of the Blood.

AN unexaggerated statement of the remarkable cure of E. ELLISTON, Esq. lately residing at No. 35, Mortimer-street, Cavendish-square, but now of Queen-Anne-street, East, who had been eighteen years troubled with a most inveterate Scorbatic Humour, and was on the eve of being doomed to a hazardous, and, at all events, an unnecessary *salivation*. This gentleman, from the purest motives of humanity and philanthropy, *requested* his case should be published, and has always very readily communicated the particulars to any persons of respectability making application at his house—an honourable example for imitation.

HIS CASE DESCRIBED.

Mr. ELLISTON had for *eighteen years* been subject to scorbutic symptoms, but for the last eighteen months they had increased to such a degree as to be seriously alarming. Innumerable large spots or eruptions, of a deep red, about the size of peas, and hard, appeared in *clusters* on various parts of the body. thighs, arms, hands, head, and particularly on the forehead, which was dreadfully *disfigured*. In short, language can but faintly depicture his real condition. But appearances were only of trifling import when compared with the violent heat and itching which incessantly tormented him. In this situation he consulted his *Physician* and *Surgeon*, both men of respectability and eminence, who, after a *consultation*, decided on the *necessity* of his submitting to a course of physic, alluding to *Mercury*, which would *confine* him to his room for some weeks. Mr. E. being advanced in years (more than *fifty* of which had been spent in the naval service of his country) told them he would take time to consider of it, as he could not but with great reluctance submit to *confinement*. He advised with his friends on the subject, some of whom recommended him to try De Velno's Vegetable Pills, which he very fortunately consented to, and, by persevering in them, *and them alone*, he has received a perfect cure. During this course he had not an *hour's* confinement, nor was he restricted to any regimen or diet, except temperance; on the contrary, he perceived no effect whatever from the Pills, except that of gradually recovering from his complaint, and daily acquiring an addition of health, strength, and spirits.

ANOTHER PROOF.

J. MEREDITH, Coachman to Lord SELSEY, Lower Grosvenor-street, was for a considerable time tormented with a most desperate Scorbatic Leprosy, hideous to the sight, and itching most insufferably; in reality, at least three-fourths of the surface of his body, from his head to his feet, were completely incrustated with leprous scales. By perseverance in De Velno's Vegetable Pills, without any confinement, or limitation in diet, he is perfectly recovered.

ANOTHER PROOF.

Mrs. WILLIAMS, Seamstress, late at Mr. Gaylecard's, Hatter and Habit-maker, No. 82, New Bond-street, was afflicted with the Scurvy to a very violent degree, for three or four years, appearing on her hands, arms, and legs, in numerous large florid blotches; some about an inch, others two inches in diameter. Astonishing as it may appear, it is nevertheless true, that after taking only *one* box of De Velno's Vegetable Pills, large scales dropt off from the surface of these eruptions, and after another box, no vestige whatever of her complaint was discernable. This surprising cure (as is always the case with De Velno's Pills) was effected imperceptibly, and without any confinement or restraint in diet.

ANOTHER.

Mr. D. MEDHURST, Cabinet-maker, late of St. John's-street, but now of No. 18, Dorrington-street, Coldbath-fields, had likewise suffered much from the Scurvy several years, and for six weeks was confined to his bed with a Scorbutic Humour, which broke out in his leg, attended with great inflammation. He was informed that De Velno's Pills would give him speedy relief, and effectuate a complete cure; and a short trial of them corroborated this account, for the inflammation subsided, and the ulcer soon cicatrized, enabling him to pursue his business as usual.

ANOTHER.

Mrs. G. a married lady, has permitted the Proprietor to publish her case, and to communicate her address to *any lady* desirous of seeing her. She had from infancy, been more or less troubled with the Scurvy in her legs and other parts of her body, but for the last few years (*being a critical period of life with her*) it gradually assumed a more terrific appearance; she was almost a stranger to sleep, constantly labouring under a nervous tremor, with frequent faintings, and lowness of spirits; both her legs were covered with one continued scurf, and she suffered at the same time most excruciating pain from the *Piles*. She took De Velno's Vegetable Pills, and with the most flattering success, for she was soon cured of the Piles and Scurvy, recovered her spirits and strength; and Mrs. G. assures the Proprietor, that she is now stronger, and more lively, than when *twenty years* younger.

ANOTHER.

JOSEPH HUETSON, at Mr. GUEST's, Pastry-Cook, No. 205, Strand, having been many years afflicted with a desperate Scorbutic Leprosy all over his body—encouraged by the success of Lord Selsey's coachman, who had been cured of a similar complaint by De Velno's Pills, resorted to the same medicine, and is perfectly cured.

ANOTHER.

A respectable Tradesman at Saxmündham, having a son about eight years old, in a dreadful situation from the Scrophula, or King's Evil, and being apprised of the remarkable cure Mr. Blackbone had experienced from De Velno's Pills, was induced to try what effect they would have on his son; since which, in a letter now in possession of the Proprietor, he says, "By the blessing of God they have been of astonishing benefit to him, for at that time he could not walk without a stilt and a stick, and sometimes for days together could not get out of bed, being troubled with such excruciating pains; but now he can walk three or four miles without any assistance."—Further particulars of this case may be learnt at No. 76, Oxford-street.

The following Affidavit, made by T. BLACKBONE, Taylor and Gaiter Maker, No. 74, Wardour-street, deserves notice:

Affidavit.

I THOMAS BLACKBONE do hereby make oath that, having been much afflicted with a bad Scrophulous Complaint, to which my friends and acquaintance expected I must fall a sacrifice, and having been a considerable time under the care of *three* very eminent physicians, without success, I lastly underwent a course of DE VELNO'S VEGETABLE PILLS—derived benefit from the *first box*, and have received a perfect cure from that medicine.—The symptoms were, *three holes* on my *head* to the very bone; one on my forehead about the size of a shilling; three holes also on my *body*, which threatened to penetrate even to my very vitals; and large scrophulous ulcers on my *leg*, one of them very deep and *larger than a tea-cup*; the leg was also swelled to a violent degree, and I suffered most excruciating pain in the *bones* of my *head*, *legs*, and *joints*; indeed, some faint idea of the shocking state I was then in may be conceived, from a view of the scars now remaining.—I do likewise declare upon oath, that I have not received, or expect to receive, any reward whatever for making this public declaration, but am led to it in justice to the Proprietor, and that others in a similar situation may be informed where they also may seek a cure.

(Signed)

THOMAS BLACKBONE.

Sworn at the Mansion-House, London, the 26th day of April, 1800, before me,

H. C. COMBE, Mayor.

The Proprietor likewise has had the satisfaction to receive similar attestations of the happy effects of these Pills from some of the most distinguished families in this kingdom; and he presumes from the late

extraordinary demand for the medicine, that the circumstance of their having been taken with great advantage by a PRINCE of the ROYAL FAMILY of Great Britain, as well as by certain other NOBLE PERSONAGES, has, through the medium of their friends, obtained publicity, although it cannot be expected that the Proprietor should have the privilege of publishing the particulars—but he can with confidence assert that the real merits of this Vegetable Preparation will, on a fair trial, plead more forcibly in its own recommendation than any thing that can be said of it.

This excellent medicine may be given at all times, in any weather, to persons of both sexes and of all ages, not requiring the smallest confinement or restraint in diet; its operation being gradual and imperceptible, though certain and infallible; it dissolves in the stomach, blends with the food, and gradually pervades the circulating fluids, correcting in its passage, any deviation from a state of convalescence; in short, it is the long sought for *vegetable* specific, or safe but active substitute for that fashionable mineral *Mercury* (which may be said to cure only by killing.) Its efficacy anticipates the expectations of the most sanguine.

To those whose constitutions have been impaired by the injudicious administration of Mercury; to those likewise, who, requiring medical assistance, would avert the calamities which must succeed the use of that mineral; to those, whose puerile indiscretions have already given birth to disease, or sown the seeds of debility; and particularly to those, who, being married, or on the eve of marriage, are liable to entail corruption on their posterity; it must be a matter of no small consolation to reflect, that when all other medicines have failed, they may rely with confidence on the safety and efficacy of

DE VELNO'S VEGETABLE PILLS.

Although this medicine possesses the most active properties as an *alterative*, *purifier*, and *sweetener* of the blood, yet its operation is so salutary, as not to interfere with the avocations of business or pleasure. They expel from the body, in the most gentle manner by perspiration, almost imperceptible, every thing that is injurious or corrupt: while they impart the most salubrious *sweetness* to the blood and juices, *tone* to the nerves, and *vigour* to the body and mind. The Proprietor does not wish to be understood to assert that this medicine is a remedy for every disease incidental to mankind; but for the one class of diseases, which, though they appear in various shapes, have all their origin from the same cause, he is enabled to pronounce it an infallible and specific remedy.

THE WEATHER

Can in no instance be an obstacle to any person having recourse to or persevering in a course of this Vegetable Preparation; indeed, the very astonishing cure of E. ELLISTON Esq. was effected during the *winter*.—From the climate of this island, and from other causes, Englishmen are habituated to the expectation of some particular disorder or indisposition, at certain seasons of the year; and it has always been deemed advisable by the Faculty, to assist or facilitate the efforts of nature, by taking some seasonable alterative and sweetener of the blood, every succeeding

SPRING AND AUTUMN.

The indisputable advantages, therefore, of DE VELNO'S PILLS, on account of their convenience, safety, pleasantness of operation, and efficacy, must be self-evident to every person whose eyes are not blinded with prejudice; and unquestionably this medicine stands unrivalled for its peculiar safety and utility during the practice of

SEA BATHING.

The benefit to be derived from sea-bathing, to those who are troubled with Scorbutic Eruptions, Leprosy, or other Cutaneous Affections, is certainly very considerable; the beneficial effects also of a tepid bath in these cases are well understood; but there is a subject connected with it which demands more consideration than it generally meets with, *viz.* that its advantages are limited to the surface of the body; it deterges the skin, removes obstructions in the excretory ducts, and gives additional energy to the capillary vessels; but it does not alter the *quality* of the blood, nor cure those diseases which have their origin in a morbid state of the fluids. It is evident, therefore, that all persons so circumstanced, placing a reliance on bathing, must eventually be disappointed, unless they have recourse to some alterative medicines, capable of *correcting the properties* of the blood. But in the choice of this alterative it is of importance to decide with impartial discrimination, between the usual routine of Antimonials and Mercurials, or the *substitute* for those minerals, DE VELNO'S VEGETABLE PILLS; the former, if they appear to effect a cure, never fail to implant the gems of *future* debility and misery; whilst the Vegetable Specific acts powerfully as a restorative, not merely by subduing disease, but by increasing the vigour of body and mind. The former also (during the practice of bathing) cannot be taken even with *safety*, whilst the operations of DE VELNO'S VEGETABLE PILLS is really *improved* by it, as they act at that time with greater expedition. In short, they may be taken with the utmost safety and advantage by both sexes at *any age*, however, *delicate* the constitution, or *severe* the weather.

DE VELNO'S VEGETABLE PILLS

are prepared by the *sole* Proprietor,

JAMES PIDDING, *late Surgeon in the Army,*

AT HIS WAREHOUSE,

No. 76, opposite the *Pantheon*, Oxford-street, London;

where they are sold, wholesale and retail, in small boxes, price 5s. 5d. each, or in large boxes, containing the quantity of five small ones, for 1l. 2s. duty included.—They are also sold retail by all respectable Venders of Public Medicines in the Three Kingdoms; but observe, none can possibly be *genuine*, wheresoever, or by whomsoever sold, unless the bill of directions is signed with *red ink*, by the Proprietor, JAMES PIDDING, No. 76, Oxford-street, London.

PARTICULARLY IN LONDON, BY

Mr. TUTT, at the Royal Exchange;
Mr. CHING, Corner of Paternoster-row,
Cheapside;
Mr. SWINEY, 21, Pall Mall;

Mr. WARD, 324, Holborn, two Doors
West of Middle-row;
JEBOULT & Co. 150, Oxford-street, and
Mr. SHAW, 74, High-street, Borough.